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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of the non-U.S. patents of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 were cited in a counterpart European application. For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the pertinent portion of the Supplementary European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office is also attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event fees are due to effect consideration of the listed references, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP191).

Respectfully submitted,

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